

Notice to Mariners

Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm – Acoustic Monitoring Device deployment

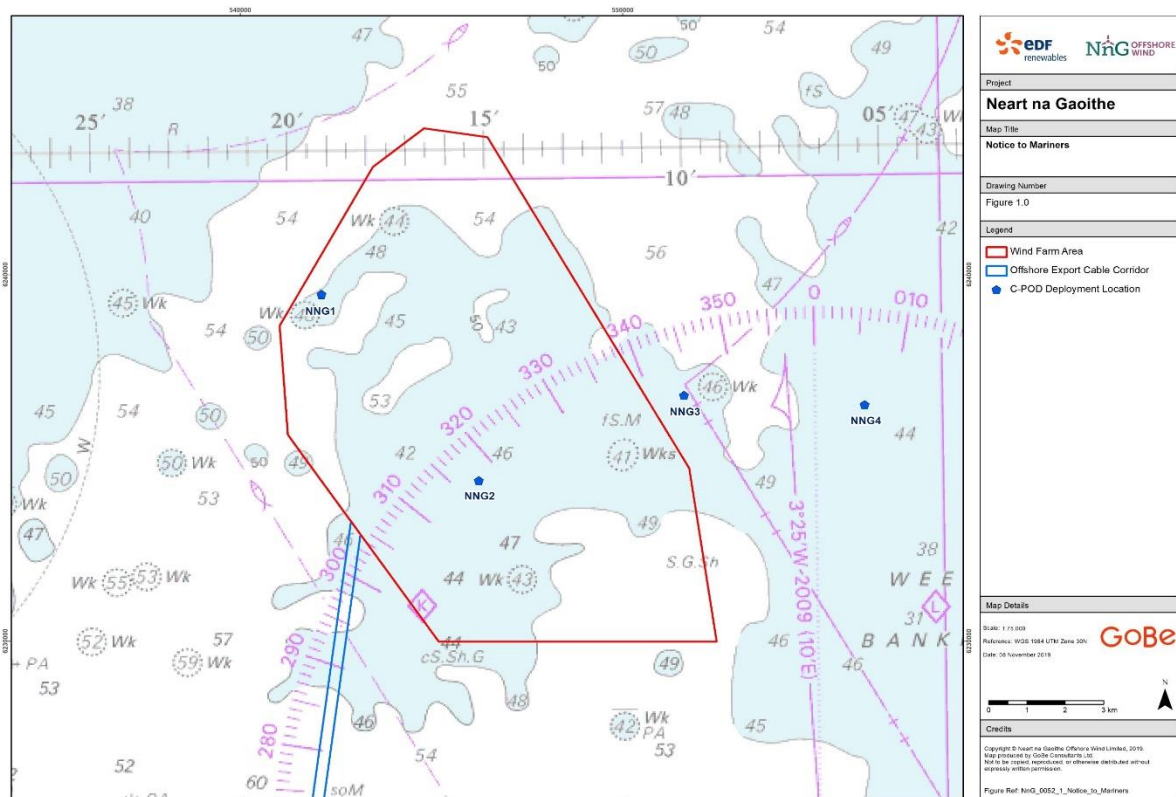
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Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited (NnGOWL) is planning to deploy four Acoustic Monitoring Devices, within NnGOWL wind farm area and surrounding waters, in the outer Firth of Forth (see Figure below). The deployment forms part of the NnGOWL environmental monitoring programme and will be in place for approximately five years from the deployment date.

Each device at each location will require three deployment/recovery cycles in each year (separate Notices to Mariners will be issued prior to any subsequent deployments). The devices will sit in the water column approximately 6m above the seabed. The devices will have an ARC Acoustic Release Anchor Retrieval System at all deployment locations. This will allow the retrieval and recovery of the devices, by bringing a receiver and devices to the surface whilst leaving the ropes attached to the anchor/weight on the seabed. The devices will not be marked with a surface marker.

The deployment will be completed over two days between 16th and 26th November. The vessel will be working on a 24-hour basis. This work is due to be carried out using *MRV Alba na Mara*.



Area of Operations

The survey area is contained within the nearshore survey area boundaries, and in and around the wind farm site, defined by the following WGS84 coordinates:

Longitude (DD MM.MMM)	Latitude (DD.MM.MMM)
Deployment positions	
002° 19.162' W	056° 17.882' N
002° 15.226' W	056° 15.122' N
002° 10.001' W	056° 16.341' N
002° 05.426' W	056° 16.171' N

Schedule

The deployment operations are expected to be completed over two days between 16th and 26th November. The vessel will be working on a 24-hour basis.

Vessel Details

One vessel, *MRV Alba na Mara*, call sign 2A1E4, will be used to deploy the four Acoustic Monitoring Devices.



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Survey Vessel: *MRV Alba na Mara*

Port of Operation

Port of Fraserburgh

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